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In re Application of: )  
SCOTT D. LUCAS, ET AL. ) : Examiner: U. Ruddock  
Application No.: 09/317,409 ) : Group Art Unit: 1771  
Filed: May 24, 1999 ) :  
For: PRODUCTS AND METHOD OF ) : May 8, 2000  
CORE CRUSH PREVENTION ) :

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2 325 674	United Kingdom	December 2, 1998
0 330 338	Europe	August 30, 1989
0 726 348	Europe	August 14, 1996
0 648 888	Europe	April 19, 1995

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08-027680	Japan	January 30, 1996
49-040877	Japan	November 6, 1974
06-279068	Japan	October 4, 1994
9 400 746	Sweden	September 5, 1995
95/13418	WIPO	May 18, 1995
97/25198	WIPO	July 17, 1997
97/30097	WIPO	August 21, 1997

#### REMARKS

Each of the documents listed above and on the Form PTO-1449 was cited in connection with a corresponding PCT application (PCT/US99/11227).

#### FEE STATEMENT

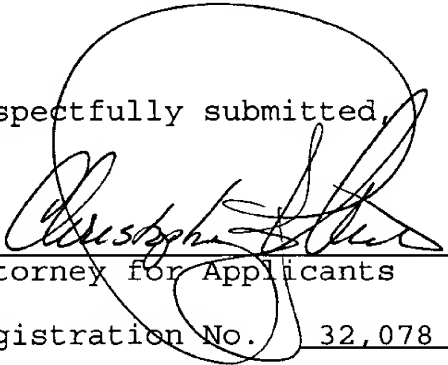
Since this paper is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application or prior to the mailing of a first Official Action, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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